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► Kasia Zuczek from Esther's Flowers and Gifts at the Covent Garden Market adjusts some colourful flowers on display yesterday. A native of Poland, Zuczek has lived in London for seven years.

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We're the nation's centre of attention

► London, Winnipeg are test markets for companies considering a new product or service ► Income, gender and ethnic makeup are similar to rest of country



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When corporate Canada has a new product or service it wants to test, it comes to the Forest City.

That's according to Kadie Ward, board member for Downtown London.

"If you took the ethno-demographic picture of Canada, you could map it almost entirely onto London," she said. "So to understand how something would work on a national, broader level, you could come here and target smaller versions of that."

It means the Forest City is also a city of firsts. As examples, Peter White, CEO of the London Economic Development Corporation, said in an email that the London Mall at the intersection of Oxford Street and Wonderland Road was the first shopping centre in Canada. And the first Holiday Inn hotel to open in Canada

"London is basically the nation's test market ... It's essentially a microcosm of Canada."

KADIE WARD,
BOARD MEMBER OF DOWNTOWN LONDON

started right here in London.

More recently, Chapters-Indigo rolled out its new Plum Rewards card in London and Winnipeg. The free card, which allows patrons to collect points for purchases, was tested here and officially released on April 4.

Jennifer Hale, vice-president of loyalty and customer relations for Chapters, said London was picked because it was just the right size, and in the right location to test.

"We had a great experience in London, and it was a key factor in our ability to take the program nationwide," she said.

Remember to stop and smell the...

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Pin symbol of cancer survival

► Goal of month-long campaign to educate others about cancer ► Disease can affect everyone 'from babies to octogenarians': Local cancer survivor



► Rita MacIntyre of London holds up a daffodil pin, a symbol of cancer awareness and education for the month of April. The pins are available throughout the city for the month of April.



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She's a longtime Canadian Cancer Society volunteer who has lost loved ones to the disease and suffered through a bout herself.

That's why Rita MacIntyre, 66, has a message for Londoners: "If something feels wrong with your body, don't ignore it. If they suspect something is wrong, go. That's why you're finding some people who succumb to cancer. They wait too long."

It's an appropriate message now that it's Daffodil

Month, a month-long fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society.

MacIntyre has volunteered with the society for 15 years, helping with the daffodil campaign as well as with other projects.

"I had cancer, my family is predominant with cancer and it was my way of saying thanks for all the terrific treatment I'd received," she said. MacIntyre was diagnosed with cancer in 1999. After surgery and nine months of chemotherapy, she's been cancer free for more than a decade. Some members of her family weren't so lucky: her par-

ents and two sisters died of cancer and a third sister currently has breast cancer.

MacIntyre credits the Canadian Cancer Society for its role in research.

"I wouldn't have probably survived if they hadn't come as far as they have," she said.

She said it's a myth that cancer only strikes older adults. Indeed, she's heard plenty of examples of people in their 20s or 30s developing the disease.

"Cancer has no age restriction. It goes from babies right until octogenarians. It hits everybody," MacIntyre said.

Daffo-details

Started in the 1950s, Daffodil Month raises money for cancer research and activities for the Canadian Cancer Society.

► Donations are collected by selling pins, real daffodils and from door-to-door canvassing.

► Local activities are organized by the Middlesex-Elgin branch of the Canadian Cancer Society, 519-432-1137. Visit cancer.ca.

Cabbie hurt, two men in custody

Police have arrested two suspects days after a cab driver was beaten into unconsciousness and robbed.

Police say the Aboutown Taxi driver picked up a couple of passengers around 3:30 a.m. Saturday near Dundas and Richmond. At the end of the ride, one of the suspects tried to pay the fare with a debit card, but the card was declined.

Both men got out of the cab without paying, followed by the driver. Police say the driver was then punched and kicked and was robbed.

Police said the driver, who was not hospitalized, suffered minor injuries.

William Fiddy, 21, and Adam Piasecki, 22, both from London, have been charged in relation to the incident. AM980/AM980.CA

Stop, think before burning

The London Fire Department is reminding Londoners of the open-air-burning bylaw.

Burning yard waste is an infringement of the bylaw. Repeat offenders are subject to a monetary fine, withdrawal of privileges or provincial prosecution.

Deputy fire Chief Dan Oldridge says yard waste can be composted, taken to a drop-off site or left at the curb on specific dates for collection by the city.

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Early morning chain reaction leaves pedestrian injured, driver in hospital

One person is in hospital with potentially life-threatening injuries following a bizarre series of events yesterday morning near Egerton and Florence streets.

Police said a man called

911 around 6:45 a.m., saying he'd been stabbed near Oxford and Quebec streets. The man who'd been stabbed drove off in a pickup truck and collided with another vehicle near Egerton and Frances

before striking a pedestrian seconds later.

The female pedestrian who was hit suffered minor injuries. The unidentified driver was taken to hospital with injuries described as potentially life-

threatening.

There was no word on a suspect involved in the stabbing that preceded the pair of collisions.

Police have not yet released any names.

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Western impresses Playboy

Western's party-hardy reputation is about to spread continent-wide.

Playboy Magazine has UWO at No. 4 on its latest list of Top 10 party schools. ● METRO

It's see and be seen season on Richmond Row

► Popular strip comes alive as the weather warms up in London



MARINA BRKLJACA/FOR METRO

► Ewelina Michalak, left, and Kayla LaTour stop to enjoy the sunny deck with Garth Brophy, general manager at Barney's.



Hibernation is officially over.

After a long, harsh winter, Londoners are braving the breeze to finally enjoy the sun of the decks and patios of Richmond Row.

Garth Brophy, general manager of Barney's, said they're already seeing people on their patio.

"This weekend it started to pick up for sure ...

we had a lot of people out here enjoying the weather," said Brophy. "It's been a long winter and I think people want to get outside."

For other patio hangouts on Richmond, the end of winter has ignited spring fever.

Don Baete, executive general manager at Moxie's Classic Grill, has noticed more traffic on Richmond Row.

"I think everyone is

tired of the long winter weather," said Baete.

"People are walking up Richmond, enjoying the spring, thawing up from winter," said Michael Inwood, owner of Café One. "We're right beside Daisy Flowers, so it instantly looks like spring on our patio."

Sitting on a patio gives patrons optimal people-watching opportunities. With Barney's right at street level at the heart of

Richmond, Brophy has seen some crazy things.

One of his favourite moments happened when Canada's men's team won hockey gold in the 2010 Olympics.

"Everybody emptied out from every bar, house, student residence and spontaneous parades happened up and down Richmond Street," said Brophy.

"It was really fun to watch."

Best places to people watch

We asked Londoners their favourite places to people watch:

@JEGonc: has to be

Barney's patio (Richmond at Pall Mall) ... best place to be on a warm Friday afternoon.

Julie Bell: Barney's, Moxie's, anything ending in 's.

@paropolis: Barney's Patio is the largest in the city and a great place to

people watch. Richmond & Pall Mall.

Elinor Schwob: old south village pub — lots to see in wortley village, two & four legged :)

@Laura_McLennan: the Covent Garden Market!

@inoTToni: the star-

bucks window on the corner of Richmond and Dundas :)

@BHRaymond: When Jack Astors open on Richmond, the patio will be amazing for people watching guaranteed.

Ann Moore: My own front porch. ● METRO

Let someone else drive

School's out and it's time to party, but it's also time to be responsible when it comes to drinking and driving. Taking a cab or picking a designated driver are options. Another way to stay safe: designated driver or-

ganizations — for a fee, they'll come to you and drive you, and your car, home so you don't have to. Two to try: Keyz Thankz (519-457-9700) and Premier Designated Drivers (519-870-7433). ● KYLE REA

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Fix program or legalize weed: Judge

Ottawa is considering whether to appeal an Ontario Superior Court judge's ruling that the medical marijuana program is unconstitutional.

Leslie Meerburg, spokeswoman for Health Canada, says the government is reviewing the decision and weighing its options.

Justice Donald Taliano found that sick people cannot get access to med-

ical marijuana through appropriate means and must resort to illegal actions.

He says that brands ill people who should be able to get the drugs as criminals.

The St. Catharines justice declared the program to be invalid, as well as the laws prohibiting possession and production of cannabis.

But he suspended his ruling for three months, giving Ottawa until July to fix the program or face the prospect of effectively legalizing possession and production of cannabis.

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Coalition cannonball

► TV debate ► Duceppe accuses Harper by going back in time ► PM says Bloc 'trying to rewrite history'



Stephen Harper came under sustained attack as coalition talk dominated the French-language leaders' debate last night.

The Prime Minister's months-long effort to paint a potential coalition government as illegitimate was rebutted from the outset by Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe.

Duceppe cited a letter Harper wrote in 2004, with Duceppe and NDP Leader Jack Layton onside, imploring the Governor General to explore "all options" if the newly elected minority

Liberal government was defeated on its throne speech.

"We weren't talking about a coup d'état, obviously," said Duceppe, drawing chuckles from the small studio audience that had been warned to remain silent.

Harper, however, accused Duceppe of "trying to rewrite history."

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff appeared happy to allow the three conspirators from 2004 to argue the point.

"They've got a problem with the coalition," said Ignatieff.

"That's why I'm offering a clear alternative."

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► Starting off as friends: Jack Layton, Gilles Duceppe, Stephen Harper and Michael Ignatieff shake hands before last night's French-language televised federal election debate.

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DIRTY LINEN

Soap on the ropes: Cartel fined

Procter & Gamble and Unilever were fined a total of \$456 million US yesterday for fixing prices of powdered laundry detergent in eight EU countries. Germany's Henkel AG, another member of the cartel, escaped a fine because it blew the whistle on the others.

U.S.-based Procter & Gamble Co., British-Dutch company Unilever

NV and Henkel AG are the leading producers of detergent in Europe. The cartel was started when the companies were in joint talks on how to cut down on packaging, the EU's Competition Commissioner said. They agreed not to reduce prices even though the packages were smaller. The cartel lasted from January 2002 until March 2005.

The detergent case is the third cartel case the commission decided to settle this year. A settlement leads to lower fines but cuts down on investigation costs.

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Economy shifting to low gear: Carney

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► Persons of interest: Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney, right, and senior deputy governor Tiff Macklem make their way to a news conference in Ottawa yesterday.

► Expect loonie to stay high for next few years, central bank says

The Canadian economy is entering a period of slow growth under the heavy burden of a strong dollar, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney warns.

The dollar's impact on trade, particularly exports, is a key reason Carney expects the economy to slow sharply in the next two years after a 4.2 per cent growth spurt in the first quarter of this year. Other factors are a tapped-out consumer and government spending restraint.

The bank says the second quarter will see growth brake to two per cent, in part because of auto-sector disruptions caused by the Japanese

Rating game

- Economists had been pointing to either May or July as the most likely dates for an interest-rate hike from the current one per cent.
- But the latest outlook suggests the rate could remain low for much longer, especially since raising it too soon could have the undesired effect of lifting the loonie even higher.

earthquake and tsunami. On an annual basis, the economy is forecast to slow from 2.9 per cent this year to 2.6 per cent next year.

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Market moment

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PLAYOFF TIME

Stock up on chicken wings, cut your phone lines and dump your girlfriend; it's time for the NHL playoffs or, as us Boston Bruins fans call it, the most exciting eight days of the year.

I love the playoffs and, like most relationships, the first two weeks are the best. Canada has hope and the post-season is welcomed as the first burst of spring. By the time the finals get underway, it's too hot for hockey, the Canuck clubs have melted away, and, often, a contender from the Deep South has you wondering how long it will be before the Quito Nordiques defeat the Bogota Maple Leafs in the Copa del Stanley.

But, oh, the next few weeks. The playoffs provide the comfort of a tradition with the excitement of unpredictable pandemonium. It's like going home for Christmas and finding a new family every year. And who wouldn't want that?

Because I am one of Canada's top-three most read columnists on this page, the country has been awaiting my Stanley Cup predictions. And here they are:

- One overtime game will go deep into the night — with dozens of saves, goalposts and close calls — ending only when you decide to take a “quick jaunt” to the bathroom.

- Something spectacular will happen whenever TV decides to have a pointless during-play interview with a parent (on Canadian TV) or second-rate celebrity (on U.S. TV). We didn't need to see that Ovechkin goal, NBC. An unshaven Vince Vaughn in a ball cap is awesome, too.

- Even if the final series is between Nashville and Tampa Bay and involves not a single Toronto connection, media will be abuzz with what it means for the Leafs. (“Lost in all the hubbub over the Stanley Cup championships, is that Mikhail Grabovski and the winning coach wear a similar brand of sock.”)

- Don Cherry will applaud the military, laud Canada, and warn players not to showboat, dive, hit from behind, back down from a fight, or get your stick in the way of a shot. Rumour has it he may also wear something delightfully offbeat.

And those are my predictions. You don't even need to watch anymore.

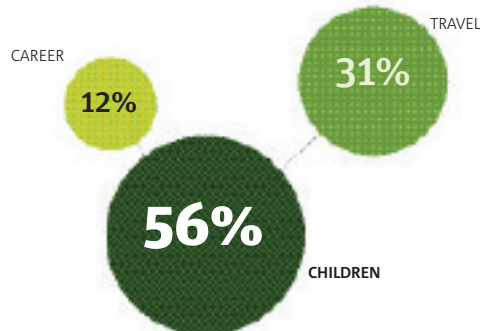
And though I have mocked Don Cherry, you should still remember the words of a certain strangely dressed and plain-speaking Canadian icon when I say: Keep your stick on the ice.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays



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Local tweets



- ▶ @Kathleen-Rebic: I am totally wearing shorts right now. Forecast is a high of 13 degrees today. That's warm enough, right? :)
- ▶ @susanrossca: Fanshawe Pioneer Village: sheep shearing, May 14th. I will be reading and signing The Great Bellybutton Cover-up. Hope to see you.
- ▶ @BrentCDuncan: Terrible sleep, but a great row. I'll take that tradeoff. American history exam, come at me bro!
- ▶ @vivianicole: 2 down, 2 more left. #uwo #cantwait
- ▶ @media_junkie: We're ready to go soon! #UWO Canned Festival. It looks like a red carpet event with everyone looking spiffy!
- ▶ @mambolica: I am having a craving. What for? I'm not sure. It's for something savoury, though. Maybe lox and capers? Where's good lox in d/t #LDNont?
- ▶ @j_macarthur: Who wants to take my actuarial science exam for me? Anyone? #UWO
- ▶ @THLnews: Get your hair cut this Sunday in support of the Parkinson Society Southwestern Ontario: <http://bit.ly/gjC1cb>

Worth
mentioning

TORONTO. Alcohol helps the subconscious learn, a new study reveals. But what the back of your brain is learning is that alcohol addiction can make you feel good.

Neurobiologist Hitoshi Morikawa's findings contradict the idea that drinking wrecks your memory. It does, he said, for things like “your colleague's name or where you parked your car this morning.”

But his work, published in The Journal of Neuroscience, also found “alcohol may actually increase our capacity to learn” at the subconscious level, helping to explain why alcoholics keep drinking when everything seems to tell them it's bad for them.

Scientists have long known that alcohol releases dopamine, the pleasure transmitter, in the brain. What is important in his new research, says Morikawa, is the finding that alcoholics aren't addicted to the pleasure or release drinking gives them. They're addicted to the subconscious memories of music, intense experience and sociability that alcohol has etched on a part of their brain.

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WEIRD NEWS

Something
to sign his
cheques with

Some say the pen is mightier than the sword. If true, Czech President Vaclav Klaus will soon be a very mighty man. More than 5,000 Czechs have signed up to a Facebook campaign to mail pens to the president after a video of him sheepishly pocketing a pen he took an obvious liking to during an official signing ceremony last week in Chile became widely popular on the Internet.

Klaus said it's customary for leaders to keep pens after signing accords. But the manner in which he sized up the pen — encrusted with semiprecious Chilean stones — and then sneakily slipped it into his pocket while he sat at a desk alongside Chilean President Sebastian Pinera has seen him ridiculed by some of his countrymen.

“It seemed to me absolutely inappropriate to do anything like that during an official ceremony,” said Vojtech Palous, a 23-year-old student.

Campaign participants are being asked to send to the presidential office pens, pencils or other writing means on May 2 because “Mr. President obviously has nothing to write with.” THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Scene in brief



People magazine named Jennifer Lopez the World's Most Beautiful Woman. The singer, actress and American Idol judge tops the annual list of the World's Most Beautiful. Lopez is joined on this honour roll by such lovelies as Halle Berry, Jennifer Garner and Beyoncé Knowles.

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Simon follows an intimate disc with a scaled-down concert tour



► Dave Clark of Grooves Records is preparing for a busy Record Story Day on Saturday.

A music lovers holiday

► International Independent Record Store Day is this Saturday ► Grooves Records has a big line up of local musicians, some great special edition vinyls and a huge sale

BACKSTAGE PASS

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Rows of vinyl line the walls of Grooves Records, CDs sit in shelves down the centre of the store. A few customers flip through the stacks of albums, browsing. Dave

Clark, co-owner of the independent store, walks over to the sound system. An album's ended and he needs to choose another. The store is peaceful, the calm before the storm.

On Saturday, Grooves Records — located on Clarence Street between King and York — will be packed. Musicians will perform live and Londoners will crowd into the store for the fourth annual International Independent Record Store Day.

Record Store Day started in 2007 by a group of store owners in the United States as a way to recognize and celebrate independent record stores around the world. The event tries to bring attention to the music lovers and die-hard collectors, as well as the day-to-day browsers, who create a community surrounding the store.

"Independent record stores support local artists and alternative music so this is a time to recognize

what independents do for the community," said Clark.

For most customers it's about supporting small businesses and the limited edition releases, many of which are on vinyl.

"I'd say over 95 per cent of our special Record Store Day stock is on vinyl. The day is about celebrating just that, the traditional record," said Clark.

The Beastie Boys, Rush, Adele, Caribou, Fleet Foxes and The Decemberists will all be releasing special edi-

tion vinyl on Saturday, as will some local artists.

"The Fine Print are doing a live cassette, Whipping Wind is releasing an EP and I think the Lonesome Ghost have some things planned as well," said Clark.

All three bands are from London and will be performing in the store on Saturday to celebrate Record Store Day. At Grooves there will be give-aways throughout the day, four live performances and a massive sale.

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Bieber frustrated by Israeli media

► Aggressive paparazzi and politics plaguing his visit to the holy land

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► Justin Bieber

Justin Bieber's trip to Israel is off to a rocky start — tentative plans to meet the prime minister have fallen through under contentious circumstances, and the teen heartthrob says he has holed himself up in his hotel to escape the country's notoriously aggressive paparazzi.

Even Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appears to have been caught up in the hype. Officials in

his office said the Israeli leader had hoped to meet the singer, but hinted that politics had scuttled the visit.

A spokesman for Netanyahu said Bieber's representatives had initiated the meeting, and the prime minister thought it would be a good idea. He said Netanyahu hoped to bring children from Israel's embattled south.

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Talking points

Brand wants to have his own kids

PEOPLE While Katy Perry might not be quite ready for kids, Russell Brand is more than eager, according to Hollyscoop.

"I love children. I am very much looking forward to becoming a dad. Who knows when? Soon I hope," he says.

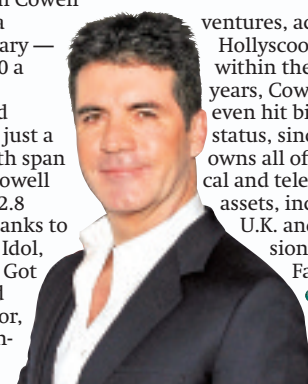
But if he and Perry do start a family, it might mean heading back to England.

"I secretly want to do that," he says. "I have a fear of hearing my American children speak to me in American accents." ●

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Cowell closing in on billionaire status

PEOPLE It's no surprise that Simon Cowell brings in a decent salary — if \$208,000 a day is considered decent. In just a nine-month span in 2009, Cowell earned \$52.8 million thanks to American Idol, America's Got Talent and the X Factor, among other



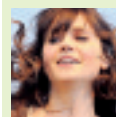
Celebrity tweets



Joan Rivers
[@Joan_Rivers] Just arrived in the U.K. People here are taking "The King's Speech" Oscar win very seriously! Everyone in London now has a stutter.



Chris Colfer
[@chriscolfer] I finally downloaded Angry Birds. I haven't slept in four days...



Zooe Deschanel
[@therealzooe] I feel bad for wimps who can't drink coffee at night. Sorry, wimps, coffee tastes just as good at night.



Steve Martin
[@SteveMartinToGo] Working on new stand-up act with just swearing, no jokes. Feels right.
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American Apparel

Dov Charney's empire is once again on the brink of imploding. If it does not raise cash by April 30, it may be forced to file Chapter 11 bankruptcy, Howard Davidowitz told Women's Wear Daily.



Brit Williamson is ready to share his bohemian look with mainstream America.



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Maxi skirts for every budget

► Skirts are dramatically long and easy breeze for spring

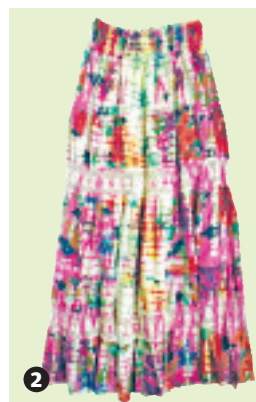
► Perfect to kick your legs up in

After years of gut-sucking cigarette jeans and trousers, the maxi skirt phenomenon that has taken over spring feels like a liberating revolution. You can look chic and stunning without worrying about how many carbs you ate the day before. It's a win-win. ● KENYA HUNT

Trend of the week



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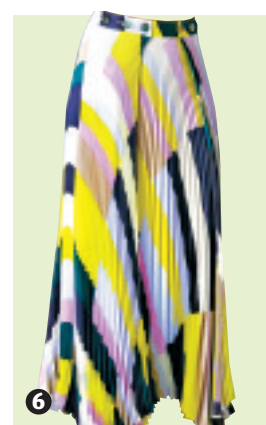
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The Kit models are busy women, and have a lot to say when it comes to keeping their hair in top shape. Here are some of their tips:

• Air-dry your hair as much

as possible before blow-drying to limit the amount of heat you're blasting at it.

• Always use styling products that help hair stand up to the rigours of the curling or flat iron.

• Choose the best products for your particular hair, whether it's thin hair that could use some volumizing,

or colour-treated hair that requires the right conditioner.

• Hair masks help hydrate and condition hair. Schedule a date with yourself once a week for a mask.

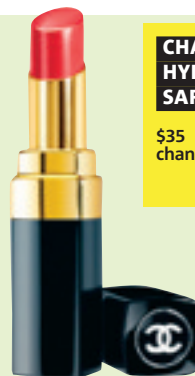
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What we want for spring is a colour that's not as fussy as red and not as cute as pink — something like, oh, orange. Tangerine lips are a bold look to embrace this season and getting it right is essential. You don't want to look like you've been sipping on Sunny Delight all day. Choose the tone to suit your mood and skin tone. If you've got pale skin, try soft, peachy tones such as Chanel Hydrabase in Sari Doré. Darker skin tones look best with brighter, punchier hues like MAC's Mornage. These tones provide great contrast on darker skin. ● ROMINA MCGUINNESS



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Two best friends
are setting trends

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Hayley Kiyoko and Naomi Scott are the next generation of Disney Channel starlets, and these BFFs are getting a crash course in signing autographs, security guards and singing on live TV.

They've hit the media circuit this week and have a premiere to attend before Friday's debut of the TV movie Lemonade Mouth, about kids forming a band. But if this whole experience has been "just weird, just crazy" — Scott's words — dressing the part hasn't been.

Kiyoko, 20, seems poised to become a fashion force, gravitating toward funky styles, wearing a leather

cowboy shirt and shorts with tights. She even pulls off the leather fanny pack that she feels fairly passionate about. ("I love the fanny pack because I hate bringing those Mary Poppins big bags everywhere," she says. "I can wear this and keep my stuff safe and I can always reach my phone and lip gloss.")

Her taste is "left of centre," and while she enjoys very much the self-expression that comes with fashion, the shopping part is mediocre, she says. The maximum time limit at the mall for this Los Angeles-area native is 90 minutes.

Scott would rather be shopping for candy and other sweets, although she likes the occasional spin through a Zara or an All-Saints shop.

Looking good exudes a confidence that she hopes her new tween fans will learn, she says, but she wants the emphasis to be

on a good, healthy outlook, not on perfection.

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Kate's perfect pair?

PHOTO COURTESY OF ARUNA SETH



Kate Middleton is allegedly planning on wearing ballet flats on her wedding day. In fact, rumour has it Kate may wear four or five different pairs of shoes throughout the celebration.

We probably won't know many details until April 29th, but London designer Aruna Seth received an official letter from Buckingham Palace in-

forming her that her designs were being considered.

Any bride —princess or not — would be overjoyed to walk down the aisle in these bejewelled nude patent leather flats. Powder, a bridal boutique in Woodbridge, Ont., is the exclusive Canadian retailer for Aruna Seth shoes.

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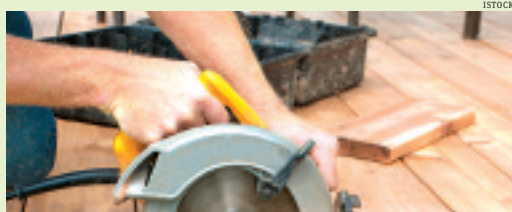


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Get ready for home renos

► Come spring, winter-weary Canadians tend to focus their thoughts on outdoor projects in anticipation of those hot days of summer ► Here are four popular home renovation projects

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1

All decked out

Decking is the No. 1 home renovation project of choice, says Liz Martin, a project guide with

Rona, which offers customers free in-store deck designs, from basic to sophisticated, in an assortment of materials.

"Spring is about extending your living space," says Martin. "You're opening your

doors and making the outside inviting."

A basic pressure-treated 10-by-10-foot deck will cost around \$1,000 for the do-it-yourselfer; a 20-by-20-foot deck would run \$2,800.

A decking material

homeowners should consider, says Martin, is interlocking stone, which is maintenance free, has a longer lifespan than wood and generally offers more privacy as stone platforms are typically built lower to the ground.



2

Curb appeal

Now's also the time to think curb appeal. Consider an asphalt driveway to neaten up

your existing gravel or dirt driveway.

The beauty of asphalt is that it's far more flexible than concrete so it's less likely to crack. It's also cheaper than concrete and sets faster.

Asphalt driveways are

not likely a do-it-yourself job. Be careful when looking for a paving contractor, as the profession doesn't have the best reputation. Try looking for contractors at handycanadian.com, a website that helps consumers connect

with reputable contractors.

The cost of a new asphalt drive will cost from about \$2 to \$3.50 per square foot, says Kevin Guidolin of Upper Canada Asphalt.



3

Landscape to perfection

Major landscaping is not a job for the faint of heart. Not only do you

need time and patience, but if you're doing it all at once, it can be costly.

There are ways to break up the expense. A step-by-step approach, whether professionally installed or planted by hand, helps spread out

the cost, according to Home Depot.

Before planting anything, you'll need to install your drainage and consider irrigation.

Map out your paths and patios. Think about vertical focal points such

as trees, gazebos or pergolas.

With these in place, you're ready to fill in your landscape canvas with beds, shrubs and other plant materials over time.



4

About the garage

Extending your indoor living space into the garage is a good idea if you're short on funds or can't stomach the disrup-

tion of a major addition.

The first thing you need to do is check with your local building inspector to ensure the coast is clear for the conversion.

Many garages already have existing plumbing and electricity in place so

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When a tree falls, protect your home and wallet

When a tree came down on the roof of Peter R. Rosenblatt's Washington, D.C., home during a snowstorm this winter, he knew the drill. He'd been through the same thing a few months earlier.

"We called in the insurance company and the roofer and the arborist," he said.

Last year, severe storms caused more than \$12 million in U.S. property damage. Although there are no specific statistics on how

much of that was caused by falling trees, they are a frequent source of damage to homes and power lines.

Old and diseased trees are vulnerable to high winds and flooding, but even the healthiest trees can come crashing down.

When that happens, says Eric Liskey, deputy garden editor for Better Homes and Gardens, "it sounds like guns going off the way the wood cracks."

The first thing to do is to make sure everyone is OK.

"If you feel unsafe, you pretty much need to just leave the property," Liskey said.

If wires are down, call the police and the power company. Then call the insurance company.

Take pictures or video of the damage, if you can.

"You and 500 people are trying to get help," Liskey said. "The officials involved get to it as quickly as they can. There isn't a whole lot to do other than wait it out."

When a tree comes down

in a storm and hits a house, garage, deck or fence, the damage is probably covered under a homeowners' policy, less the deductible.

"This is where, when something goes wrong, I want my insurance to work for me," said Mary Ann Cook, who designs course materials for the Institutes, which provides professional development for the risk-management and property-casualty insurance industry. The insurer can help you find contractors who will

quickly cover the roof to prevent further water damage or board up any broken windows. "Remediation services can get out there pronto," Cook said.

"In an emergency situation, you don't have time to search contractor licences or Better Business Bureau reports," said Bryan Nowicki, owner of Select Restoration. "It's the luck of the draw. There are a lot of scam artists who come out when a storm happens."

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This Asparagus Flatbread with Avocado Cream is sure to be a crowd pleaser, providing a fusion of pizza and salad.

With vibrant spring colours and bright flavours, it makes a terrific brunch. You can also cut the flatbreads into small squares for an appetizer.

Preparation:

1 In food processor, purée avocado with milk, basil, lemon juice, salt, pepper and pepper flakes until smooth. (Add extra milk as needed to achieve a mixture that is easy to drizzle.)

2 Bring large pot of salted water to boil. Add asparagus; after 1 minute add red pepper



► Substitute prepared flatbreads for store-bought or homemade pizza dough. Roll the dough out to size and increase the baking time to 15 minutes.

and cook for 2 minutes longer. Transfer asparagus and red pepper to an ice water bath; drain and dry well. Cut asparagus in half, lengthwise.

3 Blend oil with garlic and brush over flatbreads; bake in 425 F (220 C) oven for 8 to 10 minutes or until crisp and golden; transfer to a cutting board. Drizzle half of avocado mix over breads. Garnish with asparagus, red pepper, onion and prosciutto; drizzle with additional sauce.

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Ingredients:

- 1 ripe avocado
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) milk (approx.)
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) fresh basil leaves
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) each salt and pepper
- Pinch crushed hot pepper flakes
- 16 asparagus spears,

trimmed

- Half small red pepper, very thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) very thinly sliced red onion
- 3 thin slices prosciutto, torn into pieces
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 prepared plain flatbreads or focaccia, about 12 x 7-inch (30cm x 18cm)

Asparagus & Mushroom Risotto



cook for about 3 minutes or until almost dry. Stir in rice and cook for 2 minutes until completely coated with oil. Add 1 cup (250 mL) of chicken broth, stirring constantly until most of the liquid is absorbed by the rice.

Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup (75 mL) canola and vegetable oil blend
- 1 cup (250 mL) diced onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) dry white wine
- 2 cups (500 mL) arborio rice
- 6 cups (1.5 L) chicken broth
- 1lb (500g) fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1 inch (2.5 cm) pieces
- 8 oz (250 g) shitake or small portobello mushrooms, sliced
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) shaved Parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper

3 Gradually stir in remaining broth, 1 cup (250 mL) at a time; cooking and stirring until liquid is absorbed before adding the next cup.

4 Heat remaining oil in large nonstick skillet. Add asparagus and sauté for 1 minute then stir in mushrooms. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes, or until mushrooms just begin to sweat. Remove from heat and set aside until risotto is nearly finished cooking. Risotto is ready after the last cup of broth has been stirred in and rice has thickened.

Preparation:

1 In large sauce pan heat 3 tbsp (45 mL) of the oil over medium heat. Add onion and garlic; cook for 3 to 4 minutes until softened.

2 Increase heat to high, add white wine and

5 Remove from heat and stir in asparagus, mushrooms and parmesan cheese. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Top with additional shaved parmesan, if desired, and serve immediately.

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The best of both worlds

► Everyday Flexitarian caters to meat lovers & vegetarians ► Thirty to 40 per cent of Canadians are eating less meat

If like Nettie Cronish and Pat Crocker you have to appease meat eaters and diehard vegetarians, then their timely cookbook is for you.

Realizing that an estimated 30 to 40 per cent of Canadians are eating less meat, the two writers have compiled *Everyday Flexitarian: Recipes for Vegetarians and Meat Lovers Alike* (Whitecap Books, \$29.95, paperback).

"There's a growing number of people who are eating vegetarian, especially as many meat eaters are mindful of how their meat is raised," says Cronish.

"They are moving closer to being vegetarian, but they sometimes consume meat, poultry or fish."

Cronish, a devout vegetarian since her teens and author of three earlier books on the subject as well as being a chef and teacher, says that the Earth and its inhabitants fare better when meat is not a priority at dinner.

"But for some body types it is not medically advisable to eliminate meat completely," adds Crocker, who eats a moderate amount of beef, lamb, pork, poultry and fish.

She is the author of a

number of books including *The Vegan's Bible*, as well as titles dealing with juicing, herbs and cooking with yogurt.

Cronish and Crocker believe that *Everyday Flexitarian* is the perfect guide to feeding today's modern family. The main dishes can be tailored to both the vegetarian and meat eater with instructions on when to separate the vegetarian portions, when to add the meat or fish or what to add instead of meat to retain healthy protein levels.

To show how servings of vegetarian and meat work, there is a guide.

For example, if you want to make the dishes completely vegetarian, simply follow the recipe but ignore the blue text (which denotes the extra ingredients and prompts needed to make the meat version of the dish).

If you are serving a few meat eaters, follow the recipe but pay attention to the additional ingredients and prompts.

"I think this book is cutting edge and addresses a broad spectrum of people," says Crocker. "As well, it's going to work for vegetarians and non-vegetarians." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Raonic gets second shot at Ferrer

Canadian Milos Raonic welcomes today's rematch with David Ferrer for a place in the Monte Carlo Masters quarter-finals.

Ferrer, who beat fellow Spaniard Feliciano Lopez 6-2, 6-0 yesterday, defeated Raonic at the Australian Open in Melbourne in their only previous meeting.

The Spaniard is ranked sixth in the world, compared to No. 34 for Raonic.

"I try not to think about the opponent," Raonic said. "I feel if I'm able to control the court and dictate, I always have a good chance."

The 20-year-old from Thornhill, Ont., is set for a move into the ATP Top 30, guaranteeing him a seeding at the French Open.

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Valet sues LeBron's mother

A valet at a Miami hotel is suing the mother of the Miami Heat's LeBron James, claiming she verbally abused him and assaulted him while he was working.

Rock Feller Sorel made the allegations against Gloria James in a lawsuit filed yesterday.

She was arrested and charged with simple battery and disorderly intoxication last week.

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► Jose Bautista hits a three-run homer in the eighth inning against the Seattle Mariners yesterday.

Jays salvage one against Seattle

► Jose Bautista's home run sparks 6-run inning ► Jays avoid sweep

Jose Bautista hit a three-run homer off Seattle reliever Chris Ray, part of Toronto's six-run eighth inning, and the Blue Jays avoided a three-game sweep by rallying for an 8-3 win over the Mariners yesterday.

Much to the delight of the many Blue Jays fans that made the drive down from B.C., Bautista unloaded on a 2-1 breaking ball that Ray left in the

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middle of the plate, hitting it into the Toronto bullpen in left field — where reliever Jon Rauch caught the homer as he was warming up.

It was Bautista's third homer of the season and snapped an 17-inning scoreless streak by the Mariners' bullpen, ruining a strong start by Seattle lefty Jason Vargas.

Toronto's Mark Rzepczynski worked two innings of hitless relief to get the victory.

Toronto has an off day today before closing out a 10-game trip with three at Boston. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

So long, Carlos

Former Blue Jay Carlos Delgado gave up yesterday on coming back from a hip injury, announcing his retirement in his native Puerto Rico.

► He played 17 major-league seasons, finishing with 473 homers and a .280 batting average.

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"Kobe Bryant's comment during last night's game was offensive and inexcusable."

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Tambellini willing to be patient

For the second straight year, the Edmonton Oilers are on the clock.

But there's much more on general manager Steve Tambellini's to-do list this off-season than picking first at June's NHL draft.

Yesterday he signed centre Tyler Pitlick to a three-year entry-level contract. Pitlick, 19, had 27

2nd Edmonton became just the second team in NHL history to get the first overall pick two straight years. Ottawa did it in 1995 and 1996.

goals and 35 assists this season in 56 games with the WHL's Medicine Hat Tigers after being selected

31st overall by Edmonton last year.

"You look at the age group of the players who just came into the lineup who have been here for a couple of years, we've added back-to-back first-overall picks. This is the time to do it," Tambellini said.

New Jersey actually

won the lottery, but since rules dictate teams can only move up four spots, the Devils will pick fourth.

"This is part of the plan we talked about, of how we were going to rebuild," Tambellini said. "These are players we are going to be selecting in June who are going to

play for the Oilers and be a big part of it."

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"This organization is not ready to be looking for the free agent that is a \$10-million player."

OILERS GM STEVE TAMBELLINI ON DEVELOPING YOUNG TALENT

Daly says Winnipeg rumours are 'untrue'

The NHL has rejected a report stating the Phoenix Coyotes are headed back to Winnipeg after the playoffs.

The Fan 590, a Toronto all-sports radio station, reported the move yesterday citing multiple sources.

NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly was quick to deny it, saying the league remains focused on completing a sale that would keep the team in Arizona.

"The report is untrue," Daly said in a statement. "No decisions have been made at this point in time, and there has not been a timetable set for making that decision."

"We are still continuing in our efforts to effectuate a sale of the franchise in Glendale."

The clock is ticking on Matthew Hulizer as he continues to try to complete his purchase of the NHL team for a reported \$170 million US.

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Sedins show they're not entirely similar

▶ Teammates say twins aren't so hard to tell apart

It's the subtle things that after a while make twins Daniel and Henrik Sedin look like night and day to the people closest to them.

On the ice, the brothers are easily distinguishable. Winger Daniel wears No. 22 while centre Henrik is No. 33.

But in the Vancouver Canucks dressing room with their sweaters off, the task becomes more complex.

Their lockers are beside each other. Both keep their red hair cut short and have beards. Some members of the Vancouver media who have covered the Sedins for over a decade still get mixed up.

"I have been playing with them for six or seven

"Once you get to know them, and their families and their kids, there's different parts to them."

CANUCKS DEFENCEMAN KEVIN BIEKSA ON THE SEDIN TWINS

years," linemate Alex Burrows said prior to Game 1 of their first-round playoff series against the Chicago Blackhawks.

"I hope I would be able to tell them apart. Their facial expressions are different. Hank is a little bit bigger than Danny physically. They talk differently."

Look closely, and their faces are different. Henrik has a longer, thinner face. Daniel's is fuller and he

has a square jaw.

"A few years ago they looked more alike," said defenceman Kevin Bieksa. "Now they are starting to grow apart."

"You look at some of their pictures from the draft and they looked exactly the same back then."

It's hard to see, but the little finger on Henrik's hand is smaller. It was sliced open once in a hockey accident and didn't heal properly.

Identification used to be easier when Henrik had a chipped front tooth, but he had it fixed.

For the record, Henrik is a few minutes older. He's one inch taller and about two pounds heavier than Daniel.

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▶ Daniel Sedin, front, and his twin brother Henrik.

Canada's IIHF roster adds talented trio

The core of the Canadian team is pretty much intact for the IIHF World Hockey Championship.

John Tavares, Jordan Eberle and Travis Zajac committed yesterday, bringing the number of forwards to 11. Five defence-

67 New York Islander John Tavares had 67 points in 79 games this season.

men and goaltenders James Reimer and Devan Dubnyk have also signed up.

That leaves GM Dave No-

nis with a few open roster spots, but they likely won't be filled until NHL teams start falling out of the playoffs.

Canada opens the tournament in Kosice, Slovakia, against Belarus on April 29.

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Sports in brief

Bynum injury is not serious

NBA. An MRI on L.A. Lakers centre Andrew Bynum yesterday showed only a bone bruise in his troublesome right knee.

The team says he should be able to play this weekend when the Lakers

begin their quest for a third straight title.

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Madrid rolls past Spurs

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE. Real Madrid beat Tottenham 1-0 yesterday in the Champions League quarter-finals. Cristiano Ronaldo scored the only goal in a 1-0 win for the Spanish club. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pronger, Richards sit out practice

Philadelphia Flyers defenceman Chris Pronger is a game-day decision for the playoff opener against the Buffalo Sabres.

Flyers captain Mike Richards also skipped practice the day before the post-season opener.

The Flyers say they gave Richards a "maintenance" day off yesterday. Asked why Richards was not at practice, coach Peter Laviolette says all injuries and status updates come from general manager Paul Holmgren.

Laviolette hesitated when asked if Richards would play the opener, then referred the question to Holmgren.

Holmgren later said all players aside from Pronger are healthy.

Laviolette said he would have liked to have had Richards at practice.

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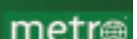
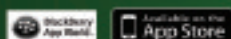
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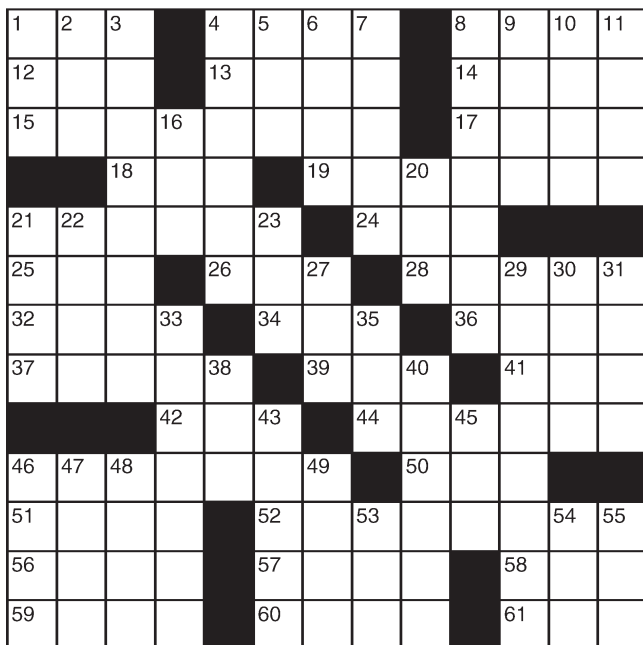
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Across

- 1 Trot
4 Recipe meas.
8 Agents, for short
12 Actress Gardner
13 Top-rated
14 Seed coat
15 Perform upkeep on
17 Capri, e.g.
18 "Kidding!"
19 Adulterated
21 Laundromat fixture
24 Science workshop
25 Slangy suffix
26 Scepter
28 Photo shoot VIP
32 Beams of light
34 Stir-fry pan
36 Test the waters
37 Small plateaus
39 Bro or sis
41 "There's no — team"
42 Charged bit
44 Ate
46 Less distinct
50 Trawler need
51 Oodles
52 "The Mona Lisa," e.g.
56 Caterwaul
57 Teen's woe
58 — de Cologne
59 Convince
60 Fast time?
61 Spinning stat

Down

- 1 Predicament
2 Eggs
3 Contradicts
4 Rag
5 Squeezing snake



- 6 Fit of peevishness
7 Punishment-related
8 Spectrum
9 Formerly, formerly
10 Heap
11 Coaster
16 Japanese theater
20 Cartesian conclusion
21 Apple invader
22 Wings
23 Squabble
27 Two, in Tijuana
29 More frilly
30 Falco of "Nurse Jackie"
31 Impart for a while
33 Holy
35 Tease
38 Drunkard
40 Easter accessory
43 Kathmandu's land
45 Drench
46 Wray and Weldon
47 "That was — blow!"
48 Corn Belt state
49 "The Amazing —"
53 B&B
54 Siesta
55 Wrigley product

► Yesterday's answer



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Yesterday's answer ►



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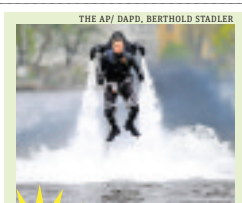
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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You may want to withdraw into your shell. It would be a waste.
♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 No matter how busy you are at work, you must free up time to spend with your friends.
♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 A throwaway remark might not be meant seriously but certain people will take it seriously, so be careful what you say.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 Make it your business to find out why certain people are behaving erratically. You'll be surprised.
♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 You'll start to see solutions where before you saw problems.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Do you get involved in a dispute that is none of your business? You better decide quickly.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 If you can get others to do a large slice of your work for you today then do so.

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♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 If you need help today, ask for it. Don't wait for others to notice you're having a hard time.
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Others will sense your confidence and offer to do things for you. Why deny them?
♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You'll find it easy to express yourself. Others will get you.
♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You'll hear something that pleases you. Don't be suspicious of it. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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